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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Wolfgang Steck et al.
Serial No. : 09/883,809
Filed : June 18, 2001
Title : Heater For Heating The Dishwashing Liquid In A Dishwasher
Examiner : Frankie L. Stinson - Art Unit: 1746

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents,

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, applicants elect group a, the species of Fig. 1 for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the species of groups b, c, and d at a later date.

The following claims read on the elected species of Fig. 1: claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9-17.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of all of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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